



## Town of Garner **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Beasley Takes Helm in Inspections Department**

Tony Beasley, previously economic development director for the Town of Garner, has been named the Town's new inspections director effective Sept. 1. He succeeds Sandy Teal, who retired Aug. 31 after serving as the Town's inspections director for 25 years.

Beasley, who rejoins a department where he spent a year as a senior inspector in 2008, has over 30 years in local government experience. He had served as the Town's economic development director since 2009. Prior to coming to Garner, he served as assistant director of development services in Davie County and director of community development for the City of Lexington, where he spent the first 21 years of his career.

Beasley is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute, the University of North Carolina School of Government municipal administration program, and he holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Appalachian State University. He also holds numerous post-graduate certificates and is one of only 160 active inspectors in the state (out of a total of approximately 4,200) with five level-three inspection certifications from the North Carolina Department of Insurance Code Qualifications Board.

"Tony clearly brings a wealth of relevant experience to the Inspections Department, and he served the Town extremely well as economic development director," Town Manager Hardin Watkins said. "Tony understands the Town of Garner and the community's needs. I'm confident he will ensure that the Inspections Department continues to provide outstanding service to our citizens and customers."

Beasley will lead the Town's fourth-largest operational department, which has nine employees and a budget of \$768,000.

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The selection process for the inspections director position featured an assessment center designed by Human Resources Director Mary Beth Manville. It included a formal panel interview, a role play exercise and completion of an emotional intelligence assessment tool (EQI) by Developmental Associates. All of these components plus review of applications and credentials were included in the decision process.

Regarding the economic development director vacancy, Town Manager Watkins expects to conduct a profile development process and establish a full-fledged recruitment and selection process in mid-October. In the meantime, Wake County Economic Development has agreed to provide additional assistance, especially with project recruitment efforts.

For more information on the Garner Inspections Department, please call (919) 773-4433 or visit [garnernc.gov](http://garnernc.gov).

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